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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to bring in specific cases to my note. I may also add that the Government do propose to review the working of this system and see what other arrangements they could make for distribution for the coming year."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" May I know whether it is a fact that since the margin of profit allowed to private dealers as fixed by the Collectors is low, private dealers are not willing to take the quota allotted to them by the Collectors? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not at all agree that the margin of profit is low. Rather, my own view is that it is too liberal. Therefore, that cannot be the reason for many dealers not coming forward for distribution work."

Special Armed Police at Red Hills.

* 890 and 891—

MR. SPEAKER :—" We shall now take up questions Nos. 890 and 891 together as both of them relate to the same subject."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, my question relates to the representations made by the Corporation authorities to the Government . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall allow hon. Members to put supplementary questions on both the main questions."

* 890 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Special Armed Police personnel stationed at the vicinity of the Red Hills lake; and

(*b*) whether they are living single or with their families?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) 606.

" (*b*) 19 of the above Special Armed Police personnel are living with their families and all the rest are living single."

*891 *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Corporation of Madras have made any representation to Government protesting against the continuance of the training camp for Special Armed Police at or near the Red Hills lake bund; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have taken any steps for the removal of the same?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The question of finding suitable accommodation for the Special Armed Police elsewhere near Madras is under the active consideration of the Government. The Government have ordered that till it is possible to shift the Special Armed Police Camp elsewhere, it should be continued to occupy the eastern sector, i.e., the portion which lies to the east of the road running north to south, vacating all the buildings in the western sector. The buildings in the western sector have since been vacated."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether it has not been brought to the notice of the Government by the Corporation of Madras from time to time that the continuance of the training camp for Special Armed Police is rather not only a nuisance but is also resulting in the pollution of waters of the Red Hills lake used for drinking purposes in the City of Madras? "

THE HON SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It was only in pursuance of the representations made by the Corporation that the camp had been contracted and all the buildings near about the lake bund had been vacated and the entire camp had been shifted to the eastern part. Special precautions have also been taken to see that there is even no sentimental objection with regard to discharge of sewage water from the portion of buildings which are occupied by the Police."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, there is an insinuation in the second part of the question. Have the Government received complaints about the misbehaviour on the part of the Police stationed at the camp."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. Not at all as far as I know."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" The Hon. Minister has not answered that part of the question relating to the number of Special Armed Police personnel stationed at the vicinity of the Red Hills lake."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already answered it. The number is 606."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know from the Hon. the Minister for Finance for how long the Police personnel have been stationed at the spot referred to and when did the Corporation of Madras awake to the danger of pollution of the Red Hills lake water by the existence of the Police closeby? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If I remember aright they have been there from about 1947 or 1948. It is only recently that the Corporation took up this matter. As soon as representations were made, this matter was looked into. We

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found that the objection was mostly sentimental and actually there is no cause for pollution of water at all. Still, sentimental objections have to be taken notice of and that is why the camp has been contracted and shifted to the eastern sector.''

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—'' May I know whether it is not a fact that guards and watchmen are posted near the vicinity of the Red Hills lake to prevent pollution of waters and if so, how did they allow the Special Armed Police personnel to pollute the waters of the lake? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' The guards are there to see that no men get into the lake as such and pollute the water. But the objection taken is to the location of the camp itself near the lake and the possibility of pollution of water. Even though there is no room for such objection, the objection was taken notice of and gone into. We have taken all steps to see that even sentimentally there may not be any objection to the existence of the camp near the lake.''

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—'' When there is a camp, it is always possible for those persons in the camp not only to pollute the places where they are camped but also the vicinity where water is easily available. The persons who are responsible for safeguarding the purity of water in the lake have come forward with a positive complaint that there is nuisance as well as pollution of water. I would like to know whether by shifting this camp to the eastern sector this nuisance has abated? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' There was no complaint that policemen had actually polluted the water in the lake by misusing it. The objection was to the location of the camp and the discharge of the sewage water, etc. All these things have been removed and I do not think there is any room for complaining that these policemen are misbehaving by using the water available there for committing nuisance.''

SRI A. RATNAM :—'' இந்த ஸ்பெஷல் ஆர்ம்ட் போலீஸ் யுத்த காலத்தில் புழலேரி வட்டாரத்தில் இருக்கவேண்டிய நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டது. ஆனால் இப்பொழுதும் அவர்கள் அங்கே இருந்துகொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அதனால் பொது மக்களுக்கோ, அரசாங்கத்திற்கோ நன்மை உண்டா ? செண்ட் தாமஸ் மௌண்டில் அவர்கள் வசிப்பதற்கும், மற்றெல்லா காரியங்களுக்கும் வசதியாக இருப்பதனால், அவர்களை ரெட் ஹில்ஸி லிருந்து அவர்களுடைய ஹெட்க்வார்ட்டர்ஸ் ஆகிய செண்ட் தாமஸ் மௌண்டுக்கு மாற்றுவதற்கு உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதா ? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' கனம் அங்கத்தினர் ஸ்பெஷல் ஆர்ம்ட் போலீஸுக்கும் மிலிட்டரி பர்சனலுக்கும் வித்தியாசம் தெரியாமல் பேசுகிறார். மிலிட்டரியின் ஹெட் குவார்ட்டர்ஸ் செண்ட் தாமஸ் மௌண்டு. யுத்த காலத்தில் ரெட் ஹில்ஸ் ராணுவ நிலையமாக இருந்தது. அங்கு பறக்கும் போட்டுகளும் தங்கியிருந்தன. யுத்தத்திற்கு பிறகு அங்கிருந்த கட்டடங்கள் காலி செய்யப்பட்டன. அந்த சமயத்தில் ஸ்பெஷல் ஆர்ம்ட் போலீஸுக்கு குடியிருப்பு வசதி வேறிடத்தில் இல்லாமல் போகவே அவர்கள் தங்குவதற்கு ஏற்பாடு

செய்யப்பட்டது. ஆனல் இப்பொழுது அவர்களை மாற்றுவதற்கு எல்லாவிதமான ஏற்பாடுகளும் செய்யப்பட்டு வருகின்றன. அதற்குப் பிறகு அவர்களை இப்பொழுது இருக்கும் இடத்திலிருந்து மாற்றலாம்."

Handloom Cess Fund

* 892 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the amount spent so far in the year from the Handloom Cess Fund?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A sum of Rs. 34,60,260 has been spent up to 31st October 1954 from the amounts allotted to this State from the Cess Fund."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இதுவரையிலும் 34,60,260 ரூபாய் செலவழித்திருப்பதாக கூறப்பட்டது. இந்த மாகாணத்திற்காக இரண்டு வருஷத்திற்கு இரண்டு கோடி ரூபாய் ஒதுக்கியிருக்கிறுர்கள். இப்பொழுது ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் பணத்திலிருந்து பாதிக்கு மேல் நிர்வாகத்திற்காக செலவழிக்கப்பட்டது உண்மையா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" நான் இதற்கு முன்பே விவரங்களை ஒரு ஸ்டேட்மெண்ட் மூலமாக அறிவித்தேன். சென்னை அரசாங்கம் ரூ. 216 லக்ஷம் மதிப்புள்ள திட்டங்களைப் போட்டு அதில் ரூ. 121 லக்ஷம் மதிப்புள்ள திட்டங்களை இந்திய அரசாங்கமும் அனுமதித்திருக்கிறுர்கள்."

Sri S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" Sir, may I know how much, out of this amount, has been spent for silk handloom weavers and if they have not spent anything, will the Government consider allotting a certain percentage for silk handloom weavers? " 8–50 a.m.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think, Sir, so far any allotment has been made for the benefit of silk handloom weavers. That is under the consideration of the Government."

Sri S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" May I know what amount, out of the sum of Rs. 35 lakhs, has been spent for propaganda purposes? May I also know whether any propaganda is necessary at all for the sale of handloom cloth? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Propaganda is certainly necessary. But I would like to have notice regarding the actual amount spent."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் என்னுடைய கேள்வியின் இரண்டாவது பாகத்திற்கு பதில் சொல்லவில்லை. கைத்தறி போர்ட் கூட்டத்தில் நிர்வாகச் செலவு பாதிக்கு மேல் ஆகிறது என்று கணக்குச் சொன்ஞர். அப்படி பாதிக்கு மேல் செலவு ஆவதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? அதைக் குறைப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" எந்த இடத்தில் என்ன சொன்னதாக கனம் அங்கத்தினர் குறிப்பிடுகிருர் என்பது எனக்குத் தெரியவில்லை. நான் குறிப்பிட்டது இந்த சபையில் நான் தெரிவித்த ஒரு ஸ்டேட்மெண்ட்டைப்பற்றி."